
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

"Restoring and Protecting California's Fishery Resources"

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California State Lands Commission

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Re: CSLC's lease to Shore Terminals, LLC

Goodyear K. Walker:

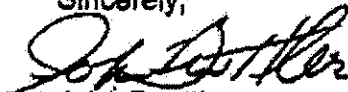
The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring and preserving California's fishery resources. We represent thousands of anglers who are concerned about the future of the state's fishery resources, many of which have been significantly affected by the degradation of their habitat

After reviewing your April 19, 2000 document on the proposed lease renewal for Shore Terminals, LLC, for their Martinez Marine Terminal, we believe it is imperative that an environmental impact report be prepared primarily because the potential impacts from the project may result in serious adverse impacts to the marine environment, its benthic habitat and food-web, and a variety of fisheries which either reside in the region of the project or which migrate through this area.

In addition, it is likely that number of the species listed under state and federal endangered species acts may utilize this area. An environmental document that evaluates the current aquatic habitat and the impacts that result from the on-going activity conducted under the lease of these state lands and the public's fishery resource is an essential step in complying with the endangered species acts.

We recommend that CSLC include among the elements of such a study, a relevant investigation into the toxicity that is the result of any past activities or possible future pollution events. This area of inquiry should be closely studied, as we suspect the benthic environment on and adjacent to the lease site has been compromised or may become compromised by petro-chemical contamination. This may also be the case for some of the species that comprise the lower tropic levels of the food-web as well as those species that utilize this source of food.

Sincerely,



John Beuttler

For the Board of Directors